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SUBJECT: COLOMBO PLAN: DRAFT AMENDMENT FOR DRUG ADVISORY PROGRAM PROJECTS

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1. (U) This message is Sensitive But Unclassified -- please handle accordingly.

2. (SBU) In response to reftel, Mission verifies that it is prepared to amend the existing Colombo Plan Letter of Agreement (LOA) to accept funding of 330,000 USD for the two projects: The Third Asian Youth Congress and the Muslim-based Anti-Drug Outreach Centers.

3. (SBU) Mission also provides below proposed draft text for the amendment to the Colombo Plan LOA:

Begin Text:

AMENDMENT TO THE LETTER OF GRANT AGREEMENT ON NARCOTICS CONTROL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OF JUNE 26, 1973 BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE COLOMBO PLAN DRUG ADVISORY PROGRAM

#### I. GENERAL

The Government of the United States of America (USG) and the Colombo Plan Drug Advisor Program (DAP) (each individually, a "Party." Or collectively, the "Parties") jointly agree to modify and amend the letter of agreement between the USG and the Colombo Plan DAP, signed June 26, 1973 (the "Agreement") in the following respect:

The USG will provide USD \$330,000 to support two drug demand reduction projects. The full project description and project goals are described in Sections II and III below. All other obligations, terms, and conditions contained in the letter of agreement dated June 26, 1973 shall remain applicable and in full force and effect.

Provision of USG grant funding beyond the current fiscal year is conditioned upon satisfactory progress toward project goals and the availability of funds authorized and appropriated on a year-to-year basis by the U.S. Congress and approved by the USG Department of State, Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL).

#### II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

##### A. Third Asian Youth Congress -- 80,000 USD

Project funding supports the travel and logistical expenses for Asian youth groups attending the Youth Congress to be held in Singapore in November 2004.

-- The Colombo Plan DAP will utilize these funds to sponsor youths from Asian countries attendance at a Youth Congress, where support and reinforcement for an anti-drug and demand reduction culture will be the main themes.

##### B. Establishment of Muslim-Based Anti-Drug Outreach Centers -- 250,000 USD

Project funding supports the creation of ten outreach centers in various volatile Muslim regions in Asia that will focus on demand reduction and associated violence.

-- The Colombo Plan, in collaboration with the U.S. State Department's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) will identify regions in Afghanistan, Iraq, Southern Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, and Pakistan to establish anti-drug outreach centers that will work to reduce drug consumption and associated drug-related violence while enhancing America's image in these regions.

#### III. Project Goal and Achievement Verification

The goals of these projects are to enhance the ability of teenagers to network and receive support in their communities as well as enabling local organizations to provide demand reduction programs in their communities.

A. Specifically, the Third Asian Youth Congress is a follow-on to the DAP's two successful youth congresses that

brought together dozens of teenagers from close to 20 Asia and Pacific countries. The third congress will continue the efforts of the previous two in educating and enabling teenagers to members of the drug abuse prevention culture in their communities.

1B. The Muslim-based anti-drug outreach centers adds to the DAP's success in utilizing faith-based organizations to address drug abuse and demand reduction at the community level throughout Asia and the Pacific. These ten centers will enhance and widen the DAP's effective outreach at the grassroots level as well as showcasing positive USG support for these Muslim communities.

The Colombo Plan DAP will submit after-action report on both projects in its regularly scheduled reports it submits to the Department.

Done in duplicate at Colombo, Sri Lanka, this xx day of September of 2004, in English.  
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For the Colombo Plan  
Kittipan Kanjanapipatkul  
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End Text.  
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